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I-Day final rehearsals held

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (PM&NNN)- There was patriotic fervour in the air as Police Commissioner Dr. A.Subrahmanyeswara Rao took the guard of honour to mark the final rehearsal ahead of the Independence Day.

The rehearsal, jointly organised by the District Administration and Mysuru City Police, began at the Bannimantap Torch Light Parade Ground at 9 this morning.

It was a beehive of activity as the Police Commissioner first inspected 29 contingents that included CAR, KSRP, DAR, Mounted Guards, Excise Department, Fire Department, Railway Protection Force, Women Police, NCC cadets belonging to Army, Air Force and Navy, students from Jawahar Navodaya School, Police Public School and other schools who stood in disciplined lines.

This was followed by the cultural programme rehearsal by nearly 1,500 school children. Each school had a theme related to the independence movement and other issues facing the country today, which the children were seen presenting in dance forms.

The High School and Middle School students of St. John's Educational Institute presented a dance form that depicted the social problems to create awareness as to how to fight them, while the students of Adhyayana Shikshana Samsthe and People's Park Government School produced a dance sequence related to the national unity, which is the need of the hour.

Another item that impressed the most was students of 12 schools coming together to highlight the sacrifices of national leaders during the freedom movement like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subash Chandra Bose, Sardar Patel, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Deendayal Upadhyaya and other freedom fighters who enthused by the cry of the Father of the Nation had sacrificed everything to gain freedom.

This dance-drama spectacle had the scattering of spectators spell bound, as the students did not forget to depict saints like Basavanna to drive home the message that all are one and everyone should be united to fight against caste and religious discrimination.

Physical Education Instructor S. Siddaraju from the Block Education Office North was overseeing the meticulous cultural programme rehearsal arrangements.

The dances are being choreographed by Bade Makhan Government Urdu Higher Primary School Physical Education Teacher K.K. Shoba Kumari, Medar Block Government School teacher Akkamma and Santosh Convent teacher Dayanand.

The first and second rehearsals in which only the contingents from various disciplines participated was held on August 11 and 12 and on the last day today, schoolchildren also joined them. Police SI M. Babu compered the programme.

District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will hoist the National Flag on August 15.

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Applications invited for Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (RS)- **Sri Vaishnava Sabha Trust** has invited applications from Sri Vaishnava community students who are studying in Government Middle and High School to present Pratibha Puraskar and scholarship. Interested eligible students may visit office of the Trust, located at Saraswathipuram before Aug. 31. For details, contact Mob: 99019-64242.

Mysuru District Kumbara Women's Society has invited applications from the Kumbara community students who have scored high marks in SSLC and 2nd PUC exams (2016-17) to present Pratibha Puraskar. Interested eligible students may send their applications along with photocopy of marks card, caste certificate, address proof and mobile numbers before Aug. 25 to No.1688, 2nd Cross, 6th Main Road,Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru-17. For details, contact Mob: 98863-77165 or 99005-02921.

Sri Basaveshwara Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., K.R. Mohalla, will be presenting Pratibha Puraskar to meritorious children of its members, who have secured 80% and above marks in SSLC and 2nd PUC exams. Eligible candidates may apply with two passport size photographs and photocopy of marks card before Aug.28.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2371623.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When Ajmal Kasab was hanged to death, I wrote an article justifying the hanging. Among the many mails I have received in response, one was from a Nadeem Akhtar, Karachi, Pakistan. He wrote: "I am a Pakistani national, living in Karachi. I fully support and endorse your views. No human being has the right to kill innocent people to satisfy his or her agenda. No purpose can be fulfilled by spraying bullets on other human beings." The recent savagery of Pakistani soldiers on the dead bodies of Indian soldiers reminded me of the sane voice of Nadeem Akthar and my trip to the Wagha Border.

It was more than a decade ago, while I was a JNU student, I visited Jallianwala Bagh and the Wagha Border. On the way to the Wagha Border to witness the daily beating retreat ceremony, the endless tracts of wheat fields that lay on either side of the Grand Trunk Road fascinated me. And the sight of huge barbed wire fence cutting across the wheat fields troubled me too. There is no geographical difference between the places that lay inside the fence and beyond the fence.

But beyond the fence it is Pakistan and inside the fence it is India. The barbed wire fence occupies more than one metre width of earth in an endless stretch of length. I have never seen such a gigantic barbed wire fence. It seemed to me as a monster created by both India and Pakistan to divide a once united motherland.

—C.V. Sukumaran in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Blindfolded wonder boy

New Delhi: 17-year-old Jeet Trivedi is not blind, but he claims that he doesn't need his eyes to perform tasks like driving, reading or even passing thread through a needle, after training his other senses to a superhuman level.

Jeet Trivedi is a controversial figure in India. There are those who see him as a real-life Daredevil, who can function as a normal human being without using his eyes. To be honest, it's hard to believe that someone could drive a gearless scooter for 40 km, on the world's highest motorable road, while blindfolded, but Jeet allegedly did just that, in September of last year. How? Bharat Patel his trainer explains: "He has very good control over his senses. If we bypass one of his senses, he can perform tasks using the others," he said to newpapers. "Midbrain Activation is also known as super-sensory development. It's sort of scientific training that entails 'Brain Gym', which is taught physically, but mainly it's about the audio practice that stimulates the mind using the frequencies that come through the sound of music." says Patel.

Harley-Davidson-infused Gin

Berlin: If you're looking to taste the true spirit of Harley Davidson, but can't really afford to buy a motorcycle, you could just settle for a $1,000 bottle of gin that contains authentic Harley-Davidson parts.

Uwe Ehinger, a German motorcycle enthusiast, who has been collecting vintage motorcycle parts from all around the world for the last 40 years, decided to put his collection to good use by creating the world's first Harley-Davidson-infused gin. Every bottle of his exclusive 'Archaeologist Gin' comes with a vintage motorcycle engine part submerged in high-quality gin. For safety regulations, the parts are thoroughly cleaned and sealed with a tin alloy, before being soldered to a steel support in the bottle. Ehinger is the founder of Ehinger Kraftrad, an internationally renowned manufacturer of custom-made motorbikes, and a passionate vintage motorcycle part collector. He travelled to the most remote parts of the world in search of vintage bikes has earned him the nickname "The Archaeologist" which he now uses for his expensive gin.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can music help dementia patients?

New research has revealed that the simple act of listening to music, individualised to the dementia patient's taste, significantly reduces agitation, helps the patient reconnect with other people and helps him or her recall past events.

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Selected for Sangolli Rayanna Seva Award

Mysuru, Aug. 13- Sri Kranthiveera Sangolli Rayanna Seva Balaga will be giving away Sangolli Rayanna Seva Awards for achievers in various fields on the occasion of Sangolli Rayanna's 219th Jayanthotsava.

The awards will be presented by Corporator B.M. Nataraj and BJP Raitha Morcha Secretary Mallappagowda at a function to be organised on Aug. 14 at Tagaduru Ramachandra Park in Chamundipuram at 10 am. Kaginele Peetha Seer Sri Shivanandapuri Swamiji will grace the occasion. Former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar will preside.

The award winners are Dr. Ramachandrappa (Medical), Dr. Nagaraj (Medical), Mahadev (Journalism), D.T. Prakash (Social and Co-operative Work), Dhanyakumar (Yoga), Chinnamballi Mahadevu (Politics), Nanjappa (Industrialist), Kumar (Industrialist), V. Srinivas Rao (Food) and Subbanna (Co-operatives).

State-level Dance Competition

Mysuru, Aug. 13- As part of its 14th anniversary celebrations, Mysore Miracles, a city-based dance and aerobics institute, will be organising MyMifest-2017 (a State-level Dance Competition), at Jaganmohan Palace on Aug. 19 at 10 am. The dance contest (solo, couple and group dance) will be held in three categories — 3-9 years, 10-15 years and 16 years & above.

Also, a district-level drawing and painting competition has been organised for school children at the same venue between 3 pm and 5 pm.

For drawing competition, students from LKG and 1st std. will have to colour the picture; Topic for 2nd to 4th std. students will be of their choice; Topic for 5th to 7th std. students - Aquarium; 8th to 10th std. - Garden.

The prizes distribution ceremony will be held at Jaganmohan Palace on Aug. 20 at 5 pm. [Mob: 94481-82992]

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VOICE OF THE READER

MOTHERS must adapt to today's changing lifestyles

Sir,

KBG's Abracadabra on **MOTHER** was touching (*SOM* dated Aug. 8). His description of losing his mother in a way that needn't have been was almost like a confession. We still haven't found the answers as to why elders sometimes become stubborn and refuse to co-operate with their well-meaning children in taking care and end up in tragic situations. Sometimes the children will not be guilty at all of neglecting their parents but it looks like they are.

Elders sometimes fail to understand that present times are more demanding and stressful for the youth and misunderstand that they are not being cared for. They imagine that they can lead an independent life which obviously is not safe.

Sometimes they refuse to adapt to the lifestyles of their children and become stubborn just to prove a point which might end up in situations that will leave the children feeling guilty for the rest of their lives.

I should share my observation of this cheerful sight where a couple of elderly men sit in a row at bus stops, parks and outside temples every evening around a particular time with childlike joyful faces just for the satisfaction of being heard or spoken to by people of their age. They disperse contented after they've had a happy session. This way they can communicate their feelings with people who will respond in a way they would've wanted. Some elderly like my mother, who is a very practical person, readily agreed to move out of her home of 20 years just to help me to be near her and be of assistance when she needed it. She has her space and freedom and we have ours, we support one another in times of need and hope to spend the remaining days content, happy and guilt-free.

I really wish more elderly understand the situation of today's youth and co-operate in the best way possible to help them to take care of elders, spouse and their own children as well as their careers.

—Anupama B. Pandit
Hebbal
9.8.2017

NOTE: *The correspondent is right in her observation. These elders often fail to understand the problem of their children and refuse to co-operate. I know of a case where the son came from America and was shown three old-age homes only to be rejected on the grounds of many imagined reasons. He was helpless and reluctantly decided to take the old man to America but ego worked against it. The son had to rush back to his job. And the old man remained where he was. I do not know what happened to him thereafter.*

*On 15th July, 2017, an 88-year-old man Rajagopal and his 80-year-old wife Aparna committed suicide by consuming pesticides refusing to move away from their own house in Periyapatna to a rented place in Mysuru as decided by their children.—**KBG***

Sri Krishna Janmashtami at ISKCON, Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 13- International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) is celebrating Sri Krishna Janmashtami at its centre in 18th Cross, Jayanagar in city on **Aug. 15.**

Celebrations will begin from 4.15 am and continue until 1 am the next day. Sri Krishna Balarama, the presiding Deities of ISKCON Mysuru, will be bedecked in a special decoration for the occasion. Darshana will be open throughout the day. The special attraction during Janmashtami celebration is the elaborate Mahaabhisheka to Sri Krishna Balarama which begins at 10 pm and culminates with Maha Mangalaarati and Sankirtana at 12 midnight, coinciding with the time of Sri Krishna's birth.

As part of the Janmashtami celebrations, throughout the day, many senior artistes like A.D. Srinivasan, Rajesh Padiyar, Nitin Rajaram Shastry and many others would be performing *Sangeethotsava Seva* in the main temple hall.

Instrumental recital by Sumukh R. Prasad and group will be held from 6 pm to 7 pm; A special dance-drama 'Dwaraka Krishna Lilamrutham,' based on Srimad Bhagavatham, would be performed by various artistes from Chaari Group, Mysuru, from 7 pm to 8 pm in a special auditorium.

ISKCON will be constructing a grand temple and cultural complex at its nine acre land in Jayanagar. The cultural complex built in a Hoysala style architecture includes an international guest house and a sophisticated multimedia theatre for providing a unique perspective of the philosophy of Bhagavatha. The Akshaya Patra mid-day meal programme of ISKCON is currently feeding 25,000 children everyday in the city of Mysuru.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2500582 or 6567333 or visit: *www.iskconmysore.org*

Heaven lies under the feet of a mother

Sir,

KBG's Abracadabra titled 'MOTHER' published in *Star of Mysore* dated Aug. 8 was thought-provoking. I had tears in my eyes when I read that article.

Two incidents have been narrated in the article. One is the **outcome of materialistic approach towards our life** under the influence of **Western culture** and the other incident of K.B. Ganapathy, which is an outcome of **"Indian culture"** under the influence of one's religion.

I remember a similar incident which I had read few years back. At that time too I had tears in my eyes...

A lady, who was a widow, was living alone in an apartment in London. Her only daughter, who was married, was living in a far off place. She used to visit her mother once in a year for X-mas.

One day, the neighbours' found smell emanating from her apartment. They immediately reported the matter to the Police. The Police broke open the door and found the decomposed body of the lady in the bathroom and her dog was found dead at the door of the bathroom.

After reading the incident, a question came to my mind, WHO IS MORE FAITHFUL? The dog to whom the lady fed some pieces of bread and biscuits or the daughter for whom she underwent a lot of pain before giving birth to her, who brought her up and educated her to live a happy and prosperous life?

The materialistic approach towards our life has damaged not only our relationship with our kith and kin but also our relationship with our neighbours. This has made MAN WORST THAN THE BEAST.

Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) expressed the greatness of mother in one single sentence. He said: "HEAVEN LIES UNDER THE FEET OF A MOTHER".

—Altaf Ahmed
Rajiv Nagar
11.8.2017

Calling Bhavasara Kshatriya Community students

Mysuru, Aug.13- As part of its 37th annual event, The Mysore District Bhavasara Kshatriya Graduates' Association will honour fresh graduates and diploma holders of Bhavasara Kshatriya Community on Sept. 10 at Sri Vittala Rukmini Convention Hall, Hunsur Road, here.

Graduates and diploma holders in Mysuru district belonging to the community, who have passed Degree / Diploma examination of April / May 2017 are eligible for the honour.

The Association will also give Scholarships for Job-oriented Course (ITI), Diploma, Engineering and Medical Courses.

Those students who have secured 85% and above in SSLC / PUC during 2016 will be honoured. Candidates who have scored highest percentage in B.Com / BBM / BE and clearing the course within the stipulated period will be considered for cash prizes. **Application forms will be issued from Aug. 21 to 28. Duly filled forms should be returned before Aug.30.**

For details and applications, contact Prof. K.P. Kumar Kuthnikar, President [Mob: 94489-45517] or D. Krishna Bagare, Secretary [Mob: 98451-09935].

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NEWS BRIEFS

Staging of play 'Ahalye' today

Staging of play 'Ahalye' directed by Nataraj Honnavalli has been organised at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana premises today (Aug. 13) at 6.30 pm.

Annual meeting

Mysore District Travel Owners Multi-purpose Co-operative Society, Saraswathipurm, has convened its third year Annual General Body Meeting (AGM), at Chikkamma Chikaningegowda Function Hall, No.212, Vishwa Jyothi Road, opposite Jyothi School, Nimishambanagar on Aug. 20 at 10.30 am. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4252002.

Debate contest

As part of Ganeshotsava and Independence Day celebrations, Bharatiya Etihasa Sankalana Samiti, Krishnavilas Road, Mysuru, has organised a Inter-Collegiate Debate contest at Pramati Hill View Academy on Aug. 17 at 10 am. Theme for the debate contest is 'The role of Ganeshotsava in Freedom Movement.' Interested may register their names before Aug. 14 within 4 pm. For details, contact Pramati School on Ph: 0821-4246666 or Divya on Mob: 87622-049587.

Tribute

A programme has been organised at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Aug. 14 at 11 am to offer tribute to Gandhian Surendra Koulagi who passed away recently. Prof. Dayanand Mane, acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore and D. Bharathi, Registrar, Mysore Varsity, will offer floral tribute to the portrait of the late Gandhian. Gandhian P. Mallesh will speak on the occasion. Prof. B.K. Shivanna, Prof. K.C. Basavaraju, Prof. K.T. Veerappa, Dr. B. Chandrashekar will be present on the occasion, according to a press release.

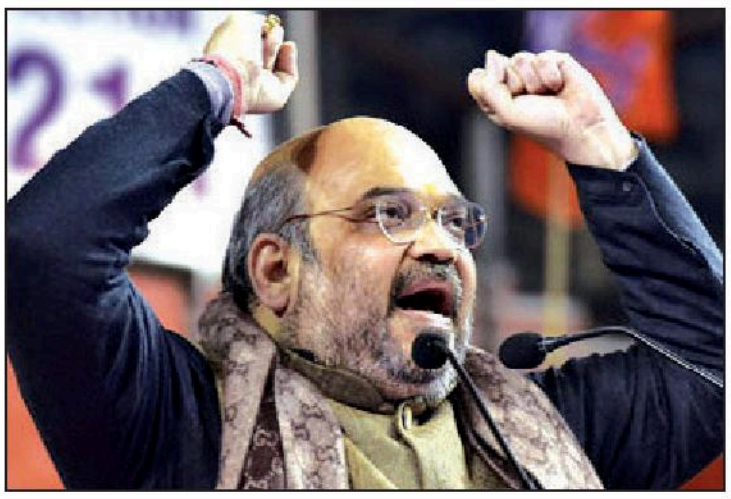
Obituary

Ibrahim Khan

Mysuru, Aug. 13- Ibrahim Khan (59), elder brother of Rafeeq Ahmed Khan, Proprietor, R.K. Palace function Hall and a resident near Kantharaj Urs Park in Lashkar Mohalla, passed away this morning at his residence following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, son, daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at 5 pm after Namz-e-Asar in Dargahi Masjid on Sawday Road, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle here.

Amit Shah attacks Siddu Govt.



Bengaluru, Aug.13- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) National President Amit Shah began his 3-day visit to the State on Saturday by taking the Congress head-on and stating that he was here to root out Congress in the State.

'I have come here to realise the slogan 'Ab Ki Bar BJP Sarkar' and will not rest till the corrupt Congress is voted out of power,' he said to loud applause from party workers at the party State headquarters in Bengaluru.

Attacking Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and calling his government the most corrupt and shameless, Shah said Siddharamaiah did not act against his Minister D.K. Shivakumar even after he was raided by Income-tax officials.

He called upon BJP workers not to rest till the Congress is rooted out in the State. Claiming that the people of the State had decided to vote the BJP to power in the 2018 Assembly polls, he said victory in the Assembly polls should again open the road to South India for the party in 2019 Parliamentary election, like it did in 2008.

Urging the people to make State Party President B.S. Yeddyurappa as the next Chief Minister, Shah said the party is geared to take the electoral battle under the leadership of B.S. Yeddyurappa.

He said that while the BJP has an ideology and stand on several issues, the Congress had no ideology and was still carrying the ashes of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi across the country.

Shah set the agenda for Karnataka State BJP leadership to counter 'Congress' polarisation politics. Earlier, Shah upon his arrival in Bengaluru in the morning, cracked the whip on the warring factions and told them to be loyal to the party. Pointing out that the party will not tolerate any kind of indiscipline, he said all the functionaries should toe the party line and should work as one family.

Addressing the State Core-Committee members comprising senior State unit leaders, including State President B.S. Yeddyurappa and his *bete noire* K.S. Eshwarappa, Shah expressed his strong displeasure at the State leadership for not effectively taking on the State Government on corruption.

During the course of the meeting, Shah is learnt to have asked the Party State unit to counter the Congress on four emotive issues — demand for a separate Lingayat religion, allegations that the centre is imposing Hindi, demand for a separate State flag and the Inter-State Mahadayi river water row.

Once the action plan is ready, the BJP Central leadership would finalise it through consultation with the State unit. Instructing the Legislators and MPs not to confine to their own constituencies and instead work for the party's success in their neighbouring constituencies, Shah asked the MLAs to focus on one neighbouring constituency apart from their own.

Acknowledging that strengthening booth-level committees of the party organisation and constant interface with members of such committees played a key role in the party's success in Uttar Pradesh, he asked the Karnataka Unit to give full attention to such committees. Emphasising on the need for party MLAs to take up programmes to reach out to people on various issues, he directed the State Organising General Secretary to prepare a plan.

Hailing the recently concluded *Vistaraka* programme under which party volunteers camped in different places for 15 days to take up door-to-door visits, Shah directed the cadre to build further on such activities. He also told the Legislators that it was their duty that active party agents are appointed in each of the 53,000 polling booths well ahead of the 2018 polls. Shah is also understood to have expressed displeasure at the flexes and banners on the stretch from the KIAL Airport to the State party office. Shah is said to have told senior State Party leaders that people's hearts cannot be won by mere flexes and banners and one has to prove oneself through work.

BJP leaders taken aback

The BJP Legislators and MPs, who attended the meeting, were taken aback when Shah reportedly remarked. Do you know to read and write'?

Shah was annoyed as most of them had not brought a notebook or pen to jot-down points suggested by him. Sensing his mood, the party leaders immediately ensured that all of them were supplied with notebooks and pens and the elected representatives promptly jotted down the points.

Rahul Gandhi slams BJP for making hollow promises

Raichur, Aug.13- Congress Vice-President Rahul Gandhi on Saturday came down heavily on the BJP for its reluctance to waive farm loans taken from nationalised banks.

Addressing a party workers convention organised to felicitate AICC President Sonia Gandhi and Vice-President Rahul Gandhi for their contributions in amending article 371(J) of the Constitution for Hyderabad-Karnataka region, Rahul Gandhi said the people of Karnataka were aware of what the Congress government had done for them and would surely vote the party to power again.

'The BJP had promised to create 2 crore jobs in the country every year. But they created only 2 lakh jobs. In contrast, the Congress Government in the State alone has created 30,000 jobs each year.

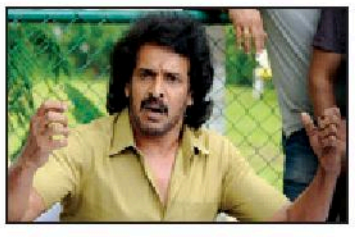
The BJP's 'Make in India' initiative is an utter failure as no new factory has been established and no job has been created under it', he said.

Claiming credit for implementing article 371(J) of the Constitution in that provided special status to six districts of Hyderabad-Karnataka region, he said that the special status to this backward region is a result of years of struggle and that the Congress government was doing everything for the development of the region.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah in his address, recalled State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa's statement that he would mobilise farmers to lay siege to the Vidhana Soudha demanding farm loan waiver. Challenging Yeddyurappa to lay siege to Parliament to pressurise the Centre to waive farm loans taken from nationalised banks, the CM accused the BJP of resorting to dividing people on communal lives for votes.

Congress leader in the Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC General Secretary In-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal, KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara and several other party leaders were present at the event.

Upendra to launch new political party



Bengaluru, Aug. 13 - Kannada film star Upendra, yesterday announced that he would launch a new political party in the State.

The actor said that he plans to form a party that creates a platform for talents who have ideas and skills to solve people problems. Clad in a khaki shirt, Upendra said that the dress symbolises that the party doesn't want *Jana Nayaka* (public leader) or *Jana Sevaka* (public servant), but needs *Jana Karmika* (public worker) who stays in a particular area and honestly works for people there, for a salary.

The announcement comes a day after he gave a clear indication about his political plunge through an audio clip, where he said "somebody has to take the responsibility to change things. I am ready to take it."

He said he would come out with a name for the party after discussing it with those who are willing to join him.

'Make Mysuru corruption-free city'

Vision Mysuru-2030 concludes today

Swami Nityasthanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Vision Mysuru-2030' event at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here yesterday as others look on.

Mysuru, Aug.13 (RK&DM)- 'Vision Mysuru-2030,' a two-day symposium organised by Chintakara Chavadi to discuss development of the heritage city, began at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

Speaking after inaugurating the symposium, Swami Nityasthanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama said that Mysuru was a planned and beautiful city, earning the 'Cleanest City' tag for two consecutive years.

Pointing out that Mysuru is rightly called as the Cultural Capital of the State and Heritage City, he said it was important to ensure that the city retains its beauty for long.

Noting that culture does not mean only art, Swami Nityasthanandaji said that morality, religiousness, education, humbleness, simplicity, etc. represents true culture. Stating that what we have is civilization and we are is culture, the Swamiji said that peace and harmony very much represents our culture.

Observing that mobilisation of all these will play a keyrole in the development of the city and in maintaining cleanliness of the city, he said that Mysuru should be free of corruption. "Just like we have slogans such as slum-free and hoardings-free, we need to make Mysuru corruption-free city," he said. Maintaining that the Union Government's 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' has many advantages and benefits, he said that spirituality without morality was meaningless.

Asserting that 'Vision Mysuru' needs 3-D effect — Determination, Dedication and Discipline — for its success, he called upon all the stake-holders to develop Mysuru as a well-planned city, giving no scope for any unplanned growth.

Chavadi Founder and former MLC, D. Madegowda, said that Mahatma Gandhi had once called Mysuru as 'Ram Rajya.' Although Mysuru is rich in resources, it has lost its past serenity and beauty, he added.

Observing that the erstwhile Mysuru Kingdom was a role model for other provinces during the rule of Wadiyars as it was a planned city, Madegowda, however, regretted that the city was now developing in an unplanned way and urgent measures were needed to ensure that the city does not develop in a haphazard way. Pointing out that Mysuru stood first on many fronts, including the 'Cleanest city' tag, he stressed on the need to carry on with the legacies of the Dewans of the erstwhile Mysuru rulers, who had a great vision for the city.

Former MLA H. Gangadharan, in his address, said that any work needs proper planning. Admiring the legendary vision of Mysuru Maharajas for developing the city in a well-planned manner, he recalled the role the Dewans of Mysuru — Sir Mirza Ismail, Sir M. Visvesvaraya and Seshadri Iyer — in making the city a beautiful place to live.

Swami Mokshanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Prof. K.S. Nagapathi, Bannumaiah College faculty Prof. B.S. Sundaresh and others were present.

The two-day event featured technical sessions on development models and plans for the city.

'Make citizens responsible for waste management'

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (US&SBD)- "The responsibility of waste management should be borne by every citizen," opined **Dr. M.R. Ravi,** Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Dakshina Kannada.

He was speaking on 'Cleanliness and solid waste management' at the two-day seminar 'Vision Mysuru -2030' organised by Chintakara Chavadi which commenced yesterday at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here.

Dr. Ravi pointed out that crores of rupees was being spent in city limits for managing solid and liquid wastes and averred that it was not an easy task. He added that expecting a 100% efficiency was wrong. Hence, he felt that waste management should be left to citizens for effective maintenance of cleanliness in city.

Going further, Dr. Ravi suggested that a bio-fuel generation unit should be established in every house where the generated fuel could be used for daily requirements of the house.

He contended that the process would pave way for waste management and also help to maintain cleanliness. He added that dependence on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) would also come down.

Continuing, Dr. Ravi observed that plastic waste was a very big problem to handle and added that research was on the convert plastic to fuel. Referring to Dakshina Kannada district, Ravi said that Anganawadi Centres there were also being used as plastic waste collection centre and added that every household accumulates plastic waste and hands over to Anganawadi Centre on 2nd Saturday of every month which would be duly compensated. He hence appealed citizens to come out with alternative plans to handle wastes.

Referring to rampant urbanisation, Dr. Ravi opined that if water bodies were not protected, every city will lose its identity by converting itself into a concrete jungle. He suggested that waste water could be treated and reused for gardens. He asked officers concerned to have diligence and integrity in work. He added that the officers by giving responsibility to citizens on waste management should not wash off their hands but instead give good and adequate support. He also asked the officers and public to develop awareness on rejection of unnecessary items, usage of minimum resources and the concept of recycling.

Speaking on the occasion, former MLC G. Madhusudan opined that MCC, MUDA and PWD were contributing to generation of huge wastes.

Citing an example, he said that when a road is re-laid, the old road surface will be dug and the generated debris will be useless and hence dumped at some place and just forgotten. He alleged that the officers concerned will not show any interest either to relay the road which will have greater durability or reuse the excavated debris.

Elephant dies during delivery in Kodagu

Gonikoppal, Aug. 13- A pregnant elephant, unable to push the calf out during delivery, died of pain at Kaikeri village in Ponnampet Forest Zone. The elephant, aged about 13 years was found unconscious in the coffee estate of Ashik Chengappa. Though the elephant had developed labour pain, it was unable to push the calf outside, which has resulted in its death.

Forest Department veterinarian Dr. Umashankar and other officials, who went to see the condition of the pregnant elephant on Friday, found it dead following which Dr. Umashankar conducted post-mortem on the elephant and later the dead elephant was buried in the coffee estate.

DCF Christharaj, ACF Sripathi, Ponnampet RFO Uttaiah and others visited the spot.

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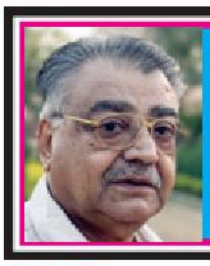

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

50 years of Freedom and Failures

Going back 20 years, on this 70th year of our Independence, Star of Mysore produces here the Abracadabra published on 14th Aug. 1997, the eve of India's 50th year of independence, for your reading pleasure.—**Ed**

This is an occasion for important magazines and newspapers all over the world to write about India's 50 years of Independence. This is also a time for similar kind of exercise for all TV Channels. Of course, the book publishing houses have not lagged behind in their efforts to bring out books about India's partition and Independence this year. This is as it should be. After all it is an important and effective means of telling the new generation all that they should know and also all that they would be better off not knowing.

The '*National Geographic*', in a special feature **'India turning fifty'** has succinctly summed up the India of today and as an Indian I agree:

"Stare at the underbelly of Asia and behold the Indian behemoth: 950 million people — one-sixth of the world's population — who live in a country one-third the size of the U.S., who speak more than thousand languages and dialects, and who support more than 20 political parties in the world's biggest and perhaps boldest experiment in democracy. Five decades after gaining its independence from Britain, India still struggles to balance its political ideals with a populace that pulls this union in profoundly different directions."

Indeed in different directions. This may appear pulling itself towards disaster that one may as well exclaim, **'Things fall apart. The centre cannot hold'.**

For many **midnight's children** and those who were born a few years this side or that side of that midnight, it may be a dilemma of the 'To be or not to be' kind — whether to **celebrate** the occasion or just **observe** it. It is a sort of bitter-sweet feeling.

Bitter not for our failures but for the tragedy of the partition in which the world's biggest ever migration of uprooted people numbering ten million took place between India and the newly-created Pakistan resulting in a holocaust in which nearly a million were killed, all in the name of religion.

The fundamental premises on which the country was partitioned has since proved wrong on either side of the border. The Muslim League which fought for Pakistan declared that religion defines nationhood. Therefore, Muslims are a separate nation from the rest who inhabited the undivided India. Fortunately other religious minorities in the undivided India did not think so. **Yet it is an irony that "though Pakistan was set-up as an Islamic nation, crores of Muslims chose to remain in India in a ringing endorsement of our idea of India as a multi-religious, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual country with an unbroken common tradition and a composite culture respected worldwide", as the former Ambassador of India Mr. A. Madhavan opined recently in his lecture in Dhvanyaloka here.**

Of course, it is said it was Lala Lajpat Rai who advocated the 'two-nation theory' as early as 1924, implying that it was before the Muslim League advocated such a theory. Whatever it is, truth was, and if I may be pardoned, is that a large majority of Hindus and Muslims may as well entertain a feeling that it was better the division took place because to that extent the frequency and intensity of communal disharmony and riots are reduced! The same sentient could be found across the border as well.

But then, it is said only 3.3 per cent of the Muslims of (undivided) India voted for Pakistan and they have already migrated to Pakistan and Bangladesh. If it is so, how can anyone blame the Muslims, who remained in India for the creation of Pakistan?

In short, the point is whether the truncated secular India has answered satisfactorily the question of Muslim India that caused the partition.

There is another reason for feeling sad on the 50th year of our Independence. The country has made very little progress in the field of health, education and economic development and the question arises as to what we are celebrating. **Have we redeemed the pledge our founding fathers took 50 years ago? Nehru and other members of the Constituent Assembly took a pledge to dedicate themselves "to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity". What are we doing now?**

It is said one can easily judge whether a country is poised for progress by its communication facilities like roads and telephones. On both these fronts, the achievements are gloomy. Can you imagine that a metropolitan city like Bangalore with more than 60 lakh people and a vehicle population of 10 lakh doesn't have a single flyover, not to speak of four-lane roads or even two lanes? When India became independent 50 years ago, the number of people waiting for telephones was 5 per cent of those 80,000 who had telephones. The figure for 1995 waiting list was 25 lakh. This meant 25 per cent of those who owned phones in that year. **Some have observed that in five decades after 1947, India's leaders have looted and stripped the country more thoroughly than could marauders coming through the Khyber Pass in five centuries.** So what is there to celebrate is a million dollar question.

The trauma of partition seems to haunt the older generation Indians, specially the freedom fighters, who were witness to the happening. But it is wise to remember that partition was not new to this country. **The only difference this time around is that it is based on the religion and despite partition people on either side of the border are not happy. This should prove that in the ultimate analysis it is wrong to believe religion alone defines nationhood.**

According to historians, the first partition of the country was by **Shah Jahan**, the Mughal emperor, who divided his empire between his sons. The story goes somewhat like this: While Shah Jahan was busy with his buildings, impatience was building up in his sons. for one, he called his eldest son, Dara Shikoh "Shah Buland Iqbal". His other son, Aurangzeb considered this as an outrageous lie. He was a few inches 'Buland' (taller) than Dara Shikh. To prove this, he moved about impatiently with a sharp inch-tape to measure the neck of Dara.

When Dara heard this, he merely smiled. What his brothers did not understand was that he was 'buland' in intellect. **Shah Jahan** had dispersed them all. Shuja was Governor of Bengal, Murad of Gujarat and Aurangzeb of Deccan. **This was the first partition of the country by a partisan father.**

All the same this kind of partition is not disturbing to the subjects, the people, who live in different partitioned regions. In a sense even now with so many States in the Indian Union, it is a sort of partition. **But the vivisection of India of 1947 was not merely geographical in nature. It was of human sentiments where each individual is uprooted from the soil of his birth and growth and transported to a new region to live among strangers who were mostly hostile to the newcomers.**

Thus reflecting on that period and time 50 years ago, one is both happy and sad. But let us not carry the burden of sadness. Rather let us carry on with our work of building a progressive (if you don't like the word Secular) and a dynamic nation. *Jai Hind.*—**PUCK**

NOTE: *This column used to be written under the pseudonym of PUCK which some used to mispronounce. Hence, in the interest of morality I began to write in my own name.*—***KBG***

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Five killed in J&K this morning

Srinagar, Aug. 13- Two soldiers and three militants were killed in a gunfight in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district this morning, Police said.

The three militants, who are yet to be identified, were holed up in a house in Awneera village. "The encounter has ended, but searches are continuing in the area," the Police said, adding that two other militants had escaped.

Minority panel for district

Mysuru, Aug.13 (US)- The Government issued an order to reconstitute District Standing Committee to review the facilities provided to minority communities by various departments of the district.

The Committee will have Deputy Commissioner as Chairman. The members are ZP CEO, SP, City Police Commissioner, DDPI, District Employment Exchange Officer, District Industries Centre General Manager, Lead Bank Officers, District Social Welfare Officer, Project Officer of the DC Office, ZP Deputy Secretary, all MPs, MLAs and MLCs of district.

Minorities Welfare Department District Officer will be the member-Secretary. Mohammed Rafi, S.M. Arokyadas and Suresh Kumar Jain of city will be the nominated members. Karnatakas State Minorities Commission Secretary will be the permanent invitee. ZP Deputy Secretary will collect the details of minority beneficiaries. The Committee will meet once in a month. The nominated-members will have a tenure of three years.

Drawing & painting competition

Mysuru, Aug. 13- The 6th IJCC Onam Inter School Drawing and Painting competition and Children's Painting Exhibition, organised by the Infant Jesus Catholic Centre (IJCC), will be held on Sept. 3 at the Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road, Hinkal. Msgr. George Alukka - Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, will inaugurate the competition at 3.30 pm. George Joseph, President, IJCC, will inaugurate the Painting Expo.

The competition will be held in four different categories — LKG, UKG & Standard-1; Standard 2-4, Standard 5-7 and Standard 8-10. The topic for the competition will be given on the spot.

Registration forms duly certified by the school authorities should reach the IJCC before Aug. 31. For details, contact Mob: 98450-55462 or 94480-69745 or 81059-50870.

Weekend STAR Supplement

Mysuru's Tryst With Freedom Movement

Recalling Mysuru's role in India's Freedom Struggle

INSIDE FREEDOM FIGHTERS PARK IN CITY: ***The statue commemorating Dandi March (Salt Satyagraha) of 1930 featuring Mahatma Gandhi and his followers.***

By S.N.Venkatnag Sobers

India will celebrate its 70th Independence Day on August 15, 2017 during which the entire country will remember the sacrifices of many people since 1857 – The first war of Indian Independence until Aug.15, 1947 - the day we got Independence.

People in Mysore also remember the contributions of freedom fighters from Mysore, who braved their hearts to fight for Independence and during 'Mysore Chalo,' the post Independence struggle to liberate the Mysore State from the Princely Rule.

At a time when the struggle for independence had begun, Mysore was also influenced by the national awakening, which was being evidenced by newspapers such as *The Hindu, The New India, Maratha* and some of the local newspapers such as *Karnataka Prakashika, Suryodaya Prakashika* and *Vrittanta Chittamani.*

There was definite activity in the direction of national awakening, as during the World War I when Thagadur Ramachandra Rao started his movement against the foul criticism of the Hindu Society by the Christian Missionaries and also started selling pictures of Jalianwallah Bagh tragedy at his shop in Mysore in 1919.

When Bal Gangadhar Tilak passed away on Aug. 1, 1920, there was a huge procession of mourners and shops in Mysore were closed. Even the District Court was forced to shut. The procession was led by the students of Maharaja's College followed by the boys of Marimallappa High School and other schools and among the leaders were Devudu Narasimha Shastry, a college student then, M. Venkatakrishnaiah, who was the Principal of Marimallappa High School, who were responsible for bringing in leaders such as Thagadur Ramachandra Rao, M.N. Jois, Palahalli Sitaramaiayya and Agaram Rangayya to the national cause.

Sculpture depicting the hanging of Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru, Sukhdev and other freedom fighters.

Freedom fighters offering floral tributes to the bust of Mahatma Gandhi during the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement on Aug. 9.

Following the Nagpur Congress convention, its branches were opened all over Karnataka in 1923 and M. Venkatakrishnaiah was the first President of Mysore District Congress Committee. In the mofussil areas, Visveswara Gowda of Nanjangud, T. S. Subbanna of Thagadur, T. Rama Rao, Siddhoji Rao and T.P. Boraiah at T.Narasipur, advocate M.A. Srinivas Iyengar and G. Krishna Murthy of Hunsur and Ganapathi Shastry of Saligrama were some of the early leaders of Congress during 1920s and early 1930s who spearheaded the freedom movement.

The Congress in this part of the region was funded by philanthropists like Sahukar D. Banumaiah, P.N. Sangappa and hotelier Badri Prasad. By 1938, the struggle for Independence intensified after the Shivapura Congress was held. Many leaders were imprisoned after the Shivapura Satyagraha and Dwaja Satyagraha in Mysore region. Freedom fighters from Chamarajanagar and K.R. Nagar actively participated in the freedom struggle, which resulted in about 6000 people being sent to jail across Karnataka.

At the time of Quit India Movement people involved in freedom struggle laid a siege on the post offices, damaged the railway tracks and cut off the telephone lines in protest. The protest intensified after news about Mahatma Gandhi's arrest was announced.

SUBBARAYANA KERE

Majority of the planning regarding the freedom struggle was at Subbarayana Kere, which is located opposite Anathalaya on Narayana Shastri Road in city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prof. T. Venkatachalaiah said Subbarayana Kere has played a vital role during the freedom struggle in Mysuru.

"Subbarayana Kere was the place where all the meetings related to freedom struggle were held. It was venue for our leaders to address the public gatherings. We were all students at that time and I still remember how our leaders despite British Police waiting at the venue to arrest them used to escape from the spot. I guess it was M.V. Krishnappa who came dressed as a woman and escaped after addressing the public gathering", he added.

Mysore also witnessed the visit of Mahatma Gandhi during the freedom struggle on Aug. 19, 1927 to propagate the cause of khadi following which a khadi production unit was started at Badanawal in Nanjangud Taluk.

Later, at the time of the Simon Commission visit to India, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao published a booklet 'Simon Commissionnige Dhikkara' (Down, Down Simon Commission) and addressed a public meeting in Mysore. He was sent to 15 days imprisonment and thus became the first political prisoner in Mysore State (1928).

M.N. Jois and L.V. Rajagopal hoisted the Tricolour on January 26, 1930 at Mysore as per the call of the All India Congress Committee. When the Civil Disobedience movement was launched in the British territories, two batches of volunteers — one led by Siddhanath Pant and another led by G.R. Swamy — went to Bombay-Karnataka area and returned after the signing of Gandhi-Irvine Pact in 1931.

Mysore also witnessed the commencement of Diamonds' League, a nationalist youth organisation started by B. Srinivas Murthy and Krishnamurthy Padaki with the help of A.N. Suryanarayan Rao at Chamundipuram. The organisation was started to mobilise youths for the national movement. It also organised an exhibition of Swadeshi materials in 1932 at Chamundipuram.

Again, a large number of youths went to Bombay in 1932 and were imprisoned. Among them were M.N. Jois, his wife Subbamma Jois, Suryanarayan Pandit, N.D. Srirangachar and T.S. Subbanna. Many faced social boycott on return and Jois and his wife were even refused entry into their house.

Thagadur Ramachandra Rao organised temple entry programme for untouchables at Nanjangud and also founded a Harijan hostel in Thagadur in 1934. Gandhiji visited Mysore to advocate the eradication of untouchability and raised contributions for Harijan fund. After this, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and his colleagues like M.N. Jois had to face lot of humiliation and insults when they went to work among the villagers. They were denied food and shelter even by the hostels and were greeted by pelting of stones, footwear and cowdung.

In later years, student leaders like Ramachandra Jois, H.S. Sadashivaiah and T.S. Subbanna conducted nationalist programmes at Maharaja's College including flag hoisting in 1937, 1938 and 1939. To curb the nationalist activities among students, an order was passed in June 1938 that students failing in annual examination in the high school classes should not be allowed to attend classes for a second year. This resulted in Congress leaders like M.N. Jois taking initiative to start the Mahajana High School for victimised students in 1938.

Student strike continued as they spread themselves in groups to mofussil areas. Eight student leaders including H.Y. Sharada Prasad and Abdul Gafoor were arrested and 26 elder detainees from Mysore Jail were shifted to Bangalore Central Jail in view to keep them in 'isolation'. Despite all efforts by the Government to stop the students from organising protests, it continued. But, the death of a student, Shankarappa, in Mysore jail owing to lathi charge on Oct. 29, 1942, created panic among both the jail inmates and their parents.

A student meeting at the Town Hall on Nov. 23, 1942 chaired by Bhupalan Vasudeva Murthy was attended by more than 1,000 students who passed a resolution to withdraw the strike and return to classes and engage themselves in nation construction work.

This was followed by the release of H.Y. Sharada Prasad and other convicted leaders on Dec. 3, 1942. Even after the schools and colleges reopened, incidents of angry outburst were reported from Maharaja College Library. On December 9, 1942. M.V. Krishnappa, one of the leaders, who was underground, started satyagraha and courted arrested in January, 1943. The 11- week student struggle in Mysore went on to become one of the unique factors in Karnataka's history of Quit India Movement.

Even today, freedom fighters in Mysore observe Quit India Movement Day. The District Freedom Fighters Association organises special function on Aug. 9 every year and remembers those who had sacrificed their lives during independence struggle.

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Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
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Shivapura Flag Satyagraha

I was a child when India attained freedom from the British in 1947 and even at that age I was electrified by the joy of becoming free under the guidance of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel and a host of great savants. There was no TV then and most of us were glued to the Radio and we had a small Murphy Radio and we were all waiting for the midnight of 15th August 1947 when Pandit Nehru would unfurl the national flag and deliver his speech. I still remember those Prophetic words of Nehru when he said that when the entire world was sleeping India was awakening to freedom.

I thought of selecting a subject connected with freedom struggle in Mysuru or Karnataka. Every time I travelled from Mysuru to Bengaluru and back I used to see a monument at Shivapura near Maddur which was unique. Once I got down and went near that monument and collected some information about it and I was thrilled. Somehow the notes I had made slipped from my mind.

At that juncture, my former student Sri Siddaraju Alakere, now a faculty in PES Evening College, Mandya, gave me his book Mandya Darshana in Kannada and requested me to write a short note to be printed on the back cover. I was impressed by the content of the book, the style of writing and his commitment to research and gladly wrote a note. I have had hundreds of my students doing history and archaeology but Prof. Siddaraju is unique as he has been pursuing research and writing in addition to his teaching. The following note is based on his book.

The section on Shivapura flag hoisting Satyagraha in 1938 in the book is illuminating and shows that the enlightened citizens of that area participated in the freedom struggle.

The first conference of Mysuru Congress was conducted in 1938 at Shivapura. After this struggle, the movement for independence became stronger. H. K. Veerannagowda, a Veteran Congress leader opined that Shivapura on the highway was most suitable for the great event. The leaders of those days like Sahukar Chennaiah, H. C. Dasappa,

Rangaramaih, M.N. Jois and others took the lead. Each one was allotted separate duties including food arrangements. T. Siddlingaiah was elected as the president of the Committee of Satyagraha. Many villagers showed their solidarity by contributing money. A place which can hold about 40,000 people was selected.

Realising trouble, the Mysore administration, prohibited any meeting within three miles for a month. The Satyagrahis were bent upon doing their part of the work. On 8th April 1938, Siddlingaiah was taken in procession in a bullock cart in which about 10,000 people participated. The participants proclaimed their faith in the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. The flag was hoisted on 9th April 1938.

The agitators, among whom were M.N. Jois, K.C. Reddy, K.T. Bhashyam, Kengal Hanumanthaiah, Yashodhra Dasappa, T. Sunandamma, Subbamma Jois, Venkamma etc. They all stood in a row highly disciplined. Along with them were Sub-Division officer, Beerappa, Muthojirao Sindhia and others. Thus there was tension on both sides. M. N. Jois requested T. Siddlingaiah to hoist the flag. Siddlingaiah briefly spoke about their agitation and announced that they would violate the orders of the British District Magistrate and hoist the flag, and made a brief speech. The agitators applauded. Sunandamma rendered the national anthem Vandematharam. Siddlingaiah was arrested. M.N. Jois was arrested later and the Police took them in an honourable way and hence the agitators maintained peace and gave no scope for any ill will.

The next day also all these rituals were repeated. The same thing continued on the third day also without any hitch. All the agitators were arrested. Women agitators kept 24-hour vigil on the flag. Under instructions from the Maharaja of Mysore, all the agitators and women agitators were given full respect by the Police. This helped to maintain peace. The Flag agitation ended in the evening of 11 April 1938 peacefully.

An important decision taken on this occasion was to request the Mysuru Maharaja to grant responsible government and if it is not accepted, an agitation should be resorted till the request is accepted. As the government had prohibited any meetings and agitation, the leaders took the decision to continue the agitation for at least a month. Many were arrested but the agitators did not budge. That was the resolute attitude of the participants.

The movement at Shivapura was due to the interest of Kengal Hanumanthaiah. He entrusted this work to engineers Lakshmana and Pawar belonging to the Indo-Swiss Corporation. They prepared the blueprint for the monument. It was decided that the PWD engineers should take up this work and complete it on time. It was done by the engineers as per time-schedule and everybody felt happy over this beautiful and meaningful monument. This monument was dedicated to the public on 26th October 1979 at a function which was presided over by Kengal Hanumanthaiah. Thus it is a contribution from the public under the guidance and interest of the Mysuru Maharaja. Let us salute all persons who were responsible for the great movement.

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MYSORE CHALO

Even after India achieved independence from the British Rule on August 15, 1947, the celebrations in Mysore were subdued due to the resistance from the administrators of the Princely State. The then King, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar refused to establish Responsible Government. Even the Indian Tricolour was not allowed to be hoisted. This prompted for yet another struggle called as 'Mysore Chalo', the last phase of freedom struggle. Even when the nationalists hoisted the flag at Subbarayana Kere, the Police intervened and removed the flag on September 3, 1947.

The Congress gave a call to volunteers from various parts of the then Mysore State to organise jathas to officially announce the commencement of 'Mysore Chalo' on Sept.4, 1947. Everyone including the students, workers, railway employees from all parts of the State rushed towards Mysore to take out rallies against the rulers of Mysore. Several liquor shops were attacked, taluk offices were gheraoed, telegraphic wires were delinked and railway lines were also removed.

At the time of intense protest, one high school student, Ramaswamy, died in Mysore when the Police opened fire at a procession at the Circle located in the in the junction of JLB Road and Chamaraja Double Road. The circle has been appropriately named after the martyr. In other incident, a boy called Chandrashekar managed to hoist the National Flag on the Palace. As the jails were full, the arrested were taken in vehicles to be let off in far off places.

It was on Sept. 24, 1947 the King Jayachamaraja Wadiyar accepted the demand and agreed to join the Indian Union. This was announced by K.C. Reddy at a public meeting in Subbarayana Kere. Following this, he was sworn-in as CM on Oct. 25.

The city also observes the 'Mysore Chalo' anniversary every year at the Freedom Fighters Park. People who participated in the 'Mysore Chalo' movement assembled at the park and recollect the days of their struggle to attain freedom from the Princely Rule. It is said that around 69 people died and about 229 were injured during the struggle. *[Source: Karnataka State Gazetteer]*

FREEDOM FIGHTERS SPEAK

M.G. KRISHNAMURTHY

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The role of newspapers in the pre-independent era was magnificent. But the newspapers then had no such freedom as today. There were times when newspapers were seized and people had to print them secretly. As the rulers then were under the control of British, they harassed the people and as such, the newspapers were cyclo-styled and distributed at camps. Freedom Fighter H.S. Doreswamy had brought out 'Pouravani' newspaper. But as the newspaper was seized, the paper was printed in Andhra Pradesh and circulated among the public clandestinely.

In pre-independence days, 'Sadhvi', brought out by Agaram Rangaiah and 'Kidi' were published and the names of newspapers had to be frequently changed to escape the eyes of the British.

PROF. T. VENKATACHALAIAH

Freedom Fighter

In the pre-independence days there was no electronic media (TV) or telephone connections. Whenever newspapers were banned or restriction imposed, freedom fighters like Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and others used to write news on their body in order to pass on the news to members of the public. Through this way, the news used to spread from Delhi to Mysuru. The freedom struggle then intensified, with the destruction of properties that were under British control.

Pro Kabaddi 2017

UP Yoddhas beat Telugu Titans

To take on Patna Pirates today

Bengaluru, Aug. 13- Nitin Tomar led from the front and scored 10 points as UP Yoddhas beat Telugu Titans 39-32 in their Vivo Pro Kabaddi match here yesterday.

Tomar was ably supported by Rishank Devadiga who scored six raid points. Telugu Titans' dismal campaign continued as they crashed to their sixth defeat of Vivo Pro Kabaddi's season 5. Rahul Chaudhari scored 12 points but his effort went in vain.

UP Yoddhas now have 15 points from four games whereas Telugu Titans have 12 points after eight games.

Telugu Titans led 2-0 in the first minute as Rahul Chaudhari scored a raid point. UP Yoddhas scored three straight points in two minutes to lead 3-2. Vikas Kanwar failed with a do-or-die raid as Telugu Titans led 5-4 after seven minutes.

UP Yoddhas levelled the game at 6-6 in the 10th minute as Jeeva Kumar scored a tackle point. Nitin Tomar scored his first raid point in the 12th minute as Yoddhas led 7-6. Rahul Chaudhari came up with a brilliant super raid as he scored four points to give Titans 10-7 lead.

With less than five minutes to go in the first half, Reshank Devadiga scored a raid point for Yoddhas to tie the game at 11-11. Telugu Titans scored a point in the dying seconds of the first half as they trailed 13-14 at the break. It was an evenly matched contest as both teams traded raid and tackle points. Rahul Chaudhari scored six points for Telugu Titans in the first half.

Telugu Titans started the second half brightly as they picked up three straight points to lead 16-14 after 23 minutes.

Rahul Chaudhari achieved a super 10 in the 37th minute as Titans trailed 30-37. Telugu Titans never looked like making a comeback as they lost 32-39.

PRO KABADDI

TODAY'S MATCHES

Patna Pirates Vs U.P. Yoddha 8 pm

Gujarat Fortunegiants Vs Jaipur Pink Panthers 9 pm

Venue: The Arena, Ahmedabad

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

U.P. Yoddha 39 beat Telugu Titans 32

Gujarat Fortunegiants 29 beat Dabang Delhi K.C. 25

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Rakesh for World Cup

sub-junior selection trials

Mysuru, Aug.13- S. Rakesh, a 1st PUC student of Marimallappa's PU College, Mysuru, has been selected to attend World Cup Sub-Junior Wrestling selection trials to be held at Sonepat, Haryana, on Aug. 17.

Earlier he attended a one-month Indian Sub-Junior Wrestling Camp at NIS, Patiala from May 16. A National-level bronze medallist in the 100 kg category, Rakesh, is the son a famous wrestler from Mysuru, Shankar Chakravarthy (CAR Police HQ, Mysuru) and J. Latha. Rakesh trains under the guidance of L. Manjappa, retired SAI wrestling coach and practices at the University Lions' Hall in Mysuru.

NTC-NR Cup AITA Talent Series U-12 Tennis

Easy wins for Jason, Mustafa

Mysuru, Aug. 13- Top-seed Jason M. David and second-seeded local lad Mustafa M. Raja registered easy wins over their respective rivals in the boys U-12 second round and sailed into the pre-quarterfinals, on the opening day of the NTC-NR Cup 2017 AITA U-12 Talent Series Tennis Tournament (boys & girls), played at the Nagaraj Tennis Centre's Courts at SJCE Complex here yesterday.

Earlier in the day, the tournament was inaugurated by Pavan Ranga, Director, NR Group, Mysuru. R. Nagaraj, Coach and Director of Nagaraj Tennis Centre and the players were present on the occasion at the NTC Grounds in SJCE premises.

RESULTS (2ND ROUND)

Boys U-12: Jason bt H.S. Kishan 8-0, Mustafa bt M.S. Aditya Srivatsav 8-2, K. Anoop bt J.N. Sanjay Shah 8-4, Arya S. Prabhu bt Arnav Bishnoi 8-2, Sriniketh Krishnan bt Charan Vardhan 8-0, Ankit A. Batheja bt Misan Giama 8-3, S. Chandan bt K. Dharavi Datta 7-7(3), Shravan Somani bt S. Shavan 8-2, D. Tanmay bt Hariharan Baskaran 8-6, V. Rakshak Tarun bt H.G. Anand 8-0, Bhuvan Prakash bt Y. Jason Richards 8-0, R. Sadeesh bt B. Sai Raghav 8-0, M. Kandhavel bt Ved Mudkari 8-4, Aryan Dhanush bt P. Heeman Joli 8-6, Ruvik Rajani bt S. Agastya Veer 8-7 (1), B.C. Pavan Ganesh bt S. Ashwin 8-2.

Anandashram State Ranking Badminton

Bengaluru, Aug.13- The Canara Union Charitable Trust will organise the 11th M.S. Ramaiah-Anandashram State Ranking Badminton Tournament for seniors/veterans from Sept. 7-11.

Entries may be submitted to *entries2kba@gmail.com*

For details, contact Tournament Secretary on Ph: 080-23317980. Last date for registration is Aug. 27.

SPORTS EVENTS

CRICKET	
	KSCA Mysore Zonal League 2017
19.8.17 & 20.8.17	Ist, IInd, IIIrd & IVth division matches at PET (Mandya), Gangothri, SDNR Wadayar grounds, NIE IT, Vidya Vikas, KR Nagar grounds.
TENNIS	
	NTC-NR Cup AITA Talent Series U-12 tourney (Boys & girls)
12.8.17 to 14.8.17	at Nagaraj's Tennis centre, SJCE courts, Mysuru.
MOTOR SPORT	
	Mysore Gravel Fest
13.8.17 to	at Helipad grounds besides Lalithmahal Palace 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term BFI stand for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Wall' associated with?
3. The 'Pusan Cup' is associated with which sport ?
4. Who is the 13-year old English school boy cricketer who has taken six wickets in six balls in a game in England ?
5. Whom did Roger Federer beat to enter the semi-finals in the Montreal Masters Tennis Tournament on Saturday?

1. Basketball Federation of India 2. Soccer 3. Weight-lifting 4. Luke Robinson 5. Roberto Bautista-Agut

Chess Champ: IM Thejkumar

THIS Week

Chess is a traditional sport and has been patronised in our country for a long time. Mysuru has been producing talented players from time to time who have gone on to represent the country in different levels. One such player who has been consistently doing well in the National and International level is Mysuru-based IM M.S. Thejkumar of South Western Railways. Thejkumar, with a present rating of 2488, representing India in the Sri Lankan Open International Rating Chess Championship-2017 at YMBA Hall, Kurunegala, near Colombo, from Aug. 7-11, won the title by securing 10 points from 10 rounds. He won the title by maintaining a clean slate by beating all the ten players he met in the tournament. He is our 'Star This Week.'

Thejkumar had wins over Dissanayake DM, Liyanage LDS, Menuka Udara, C.S. Kumarawadu, CM Lasitha Subash, Ratnayake (all from Sri Lanka), Y.G. Vijayeendra (India), Premnath Dinushki, Theekshana H.G. Denuwan and Kodiara K.K.M. Sichintha.

Mysuru lad Y.G. Vijayeendra (Rating 2116) finished second with 8.5 points and Sri Lanka's Ratnayake with 8 points secured the third place.

Thejkumar will be taking part in the 55th National Challengers Chess Championships 2017 at Ahmedabad from Aug. 13-23, and intends to perform well in the Championships.

M. S. Thejkumar

Thejkumar, who is the only chess player in Karnataka who has achieved three GM norms from Karnataka and needs another 12 points to become a Grand Master.

An employee of South Western Railways (Mysuru), he was part of the Indian Railway team which won the gold in the World Railway Championship. He is the only Karnataka player to win the National 'B' title. An Ekalavya award winner, Thejkumar won the Dhamso International Chess Festival title in the tournament held at Sri Lanka from April 27 to May 3, 2017 and also finished second in the Intl. Chess Tourney held in France recently.

He is being sponsored by Yahasvi Shankar of Saanvi Technologies, *www.mysoresport.com* and by Urs Kars, Mysuru. The DYES, Government of Karnataka, is also supporting him financially and UKCA and MDCA are also supporting his cause.

In order to share his knowledge to budding chess players, he has taken up coaching and has been teaching chess to school children in the city from the Mysore Professional Chess Academy. He intends to work hard in the days to come and improve on his rating.

Mega job mela in city in October

Decision taken at meeting chaired by CM

Bengaluru, Aug.13 (US)- It has been decided to organise a mega Job Mela in Mysuru in October which would facilitate many qualified unemployed youth in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

A decision to that effect was taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at his home-office 'Krishna' here recently.

Siddharamaiah opined that many industries and organisations have come up in and around Mysuru. He contended that many localites should be employed in those organisations.

He asked the officers of the Department of Skill Development to take necessary steps to organise Job Melas in all districts of the State.

Minister for Labour Santosh Lad, Minister for IT/BT and Tourism Priyank Kharge and Chairman of Skill Development Corporation Muralidhar Halappa attended the meeting.

Carmel Catholic Association fetes meritorious students

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (KS)- Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), Mysuru, felicitated 14 children of their members, who have excelled in curricular and extra-curricular activities for the year 2017, at a function organised at its premises in city recently.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Edakkeri, Vicar Provincial, St. Paul's Province, Mysuru, and advisor to CCA, distributed the mementos to the students. Those who were felicitated are: Kavya Maria Joy, Alphonsa Antony, Anu Rose Paul and Jebin Joy (all 10th CBSE students), Akhil John and Maria Antony (10th State), Ashik Besto, Maria Antony and Ashis Thomas (PUC), Kiran Cherian Joy (12th ICSE), Sachin Paul (Engineering), Geena Joseph (B.Com), Nithya Deepak (Painting) and Aleena Maria Alex (Athletics).

A lecture on mental health was delivered by Dr. Dushad Ram, Associate Professor in Psychiatry, JSS Medical College, Mysuru, on the occasion. Johnson K. Chalissery, President of CCA, welcomed. Sheela Mohan, Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Aug. 13- **B.D. Kavitha** has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'An economic analysis of urban public transportation in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.K. Gayatri.

H.K. Manju has been awarded Ph.D in Psychology by the UoM for his thesis 'Emotion regulation and quality of life' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Basavarajappa].

N. Ravikumar has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by the UoM for his thesis 'Some contributions to the theory of graphs and semigraphs' [Guide: Dr. H.N. Ramaswamy.]

N. Raghu has been awarded Ph.D in Molecular Biology by the UoM for his thesis 'Cytogenetic analysis and Insitu Hybridisation Studies in two species of Turtles - Melanochelys trijuga and Lissemys punctata' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Chandavar Vidya.

E. Hamsaveni has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for her thesis 'Pandavapura Talukina Gramadevathegalu' [Guide: Dr. C.P. Siddashrama].

M. Naveena has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science by the UoM for his thesis 'Face recognition under partial visibility' [Guide: Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Sunil D' Souza has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis 'Role of Business Correspondents Model in Financial Inclusion in Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. T.S. Devaraja].

The University of Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (Women's University), Tirupati, has awarded Ph.D in Home Science to **M. Priya** for her thesis 'Stress and anxiety among working men and women.'

Accolades pour in at 'Sarthaka Sadhaka Siddharamaiah - 70'

Former Rajya Sabha Member and Economist Bhalchandra Mungekar is seen addressing the gathering at a programme titled 'Sarthaka Sadhaka Siddharamaiah - 70' at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri here on Friday.

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (US)- Abhimatha Mysuru had organised a programme titled 'Sarthaka Sadhaka Siddharamaiah - 70' at Rani Bahadur auditorium in Manasagangothri here on Friday to commemorate the 70th birthday of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Inaugurating the programme, former Rajya Sabha Member and Economist Bhalchandra Mungekar sought a good socio-economic development to establish equality and social justice.

He pointed out that 54 percent of nation's wealth was with one percent of the population which was a threat to secularism. He commended Siddharamaiah-led State Government as the best to adopt social justice and pro-poor policies.

Presiding over the programme, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar recalled that Abhimatha organisation was formed when he and others were pursuing Ph.D in Manasagangothri.

A documentary *'Seeda Saada Siddharamanna'* was screened earlier to focus on the CM's life story.

An exhibition of photos of Siddharamaiah with other leaders like Ramakrishna Hedge, J.H. Patel, M.P. Prakash and others was also arranged on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, CM's Media Advisor Dinesh Amin Mattu opined that Siddharamaiah was a role model for the young politicians as the former's honesty and humility are worth emulating.

Addressing the gathering, former Chairman of Legislative Council B.L. Shankar opined that Congress has to strengthen the internal democratic set-up in the party.

City Congress President R. Murthy, MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna and others were present.

South Western Railway to run

Vasco Da Gama - Velankanni Special

Mysuru. Aug.13- South Western Railway (SWR) has decided to run Train No. 07315/07316, Vasco da Gama - Velankanni - Vasco da Gama Special on special fare to clear extra rush during feast of Our Lady of Good Health at Velankanni.

Train No. 07315, Vasco da Gama - Velankanni Special departs Vasco da Gama at 11:20 hrs. on Aug. 27 and Sept.3 and reaches Velankanni at 13:00 hrs. next day.

En route, the train arrives/departs Madgaon at 12:35/12:45 hrs., Karwar at 13:46/13:48 hrs., Kumta at 14:40/14:42 hrs., Honnavar at 14:55/14:57 hrs., Bhatkal at 15:44/15:46 hrs., Kundapura at 16:48/16:50 hrs., Udupi at 17:10/17:12 hrs., Mulki at 17:50/17:52 hrs., Suratkal at 18:04/18:06 hrs., Mangaluru Jn. at 19:20/19:40 hrs., Kannur at 21:40/21:45 hrs., Thalaserry at 22:03/22:05 hrs., Kozhikodde at 23:15/23:20 hrs. and next day arrives/departs Shoranur at 01:25/01:45 hrs., Palakkad at 02:38/02:40 hrs., Coimbatore at 04:05/04:10 hrs., Tiruppur at 04:58/05:00 hrs., Erode at 05:30/06:15 hrs., Karur at 07:30/07:45 hrs., Tiruchchirapalli at 09:30/09:50 hrs., Thanjavur at 10:50/10:55 hrs., Tiruvarur at 11:55/12:05 hrs., Nagapattinam at 12:35/ 12:40 hrs.

Train No. 07316, Velankanni - Vasco da Gama Special departs Velankanni at 20:15 hrs. on Aug. 28 and Sept. 4, and reaches Vasco da Gama at 21:10 hrs. next day.

En route, the train arrives/departs Nagapattinam at 20:40/20:45 hrs. Tiruvarur at 21:50/22:00 hrs., Thanjavur at 23:15/23:20 hrs., and on next day arrives/departs Tiruchchirapalli at 00:40/01:15 hrs., Karur at 03:30/03:35 hrs., Erode at 04:35/04:45 hrs., Tiruppur at 05:20/05:25 hrs., Coimbatore at 06:25/06:30 hrs., Palakkad at 07:35/07:40 hrs., Shoranur at 08:25/08:30 hrs., Kozhikodde at 09:50/09:52 hrs. Thalaserry at 10:50/10:52 hrs., Kannur at 11:20/11:22 hrs., Mangaluru Jn. at 13:40/14:00 hrs., Suratkal at 14:25/14:27 hrs., Mulki at 14:35/14:37 hrs., Udupi at 15:00/15:02 hrs., Kundapura at 15:24/15:26 hrs., Bhatkal at 16:24/16:26 hrs., Honnavar at 17:24/17:26 Kumta at 17:40/17:42 hrs., Karwar at 18:40/18:42 hrs., Madgaon at 20:05/20:15 hrs.

The train composition will have two AC 3-tier coaches, sixteen second class sleeper coaches and two luggage-cum-brakevan.

Temporary Augmentation of Trains

SWR has decided to temporarily augment with one Second Class Sleeper Coach for Train No. 06581 Yesvantpur - Belagavi Special with Special Fare on Aug. 11, Train No. 06582 Belagavi - Yesvantpur Special with Special Fare on Aug. 15, Train No. 06583 Yesvantpur - Belagavi Special with Special Fare on Aug. 24 and Train No. 06584 Belagavi - Yesvantpur Special with Special Fare on Aug. 27.

The revised Train composition will have two AC 3-tier coaches, nineteen Second class Sleeper coaches, two Luggage-cum-Brake Van with disabled-friendly compartment, according to a press release.

Cauvery water dispute order by next January: SC Advocate Brijesh Kalappa

Madikeri, Aug. 13- Congress spokesperson and Supreme Court Advocate Brijesh Kalappa, who is representing Karnataka in the final hearing on the contentious Cauvery River dispute at the Supreme Court, said that the decision on the Cauvery water dispute is likely to come either in the end of this year or in January next year.

Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, he said that the dispute regarding the sharing of Cauvery water between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu has been going on since several years. The Supreme Court has viewed the dispute very seriously and hence has set aside three days in a week for this contentious issue.

Karnataka and Kerala have already completed their part of the arguments before the SC. Tamil Nadu is now replying to the arguments. The hearing will be completed in a month or two and since it takes time to write the judgement, the final decision will be out before the end of December or in January next year, he said.

Criticises Centre: Kalappa came down heavily on the Central Government for doing away with the supply of rations to the Defence Officers posted in peaceful places. He said that the practice of supplying rations

Brijesh Kalappa

to the army official, which was there for decades has now been stopped by the Centre. Instead, it has announced that it will give Rs 3,000 as allowance. This move is akin to the 'Tuglaq Raj', he criticised.

It is wrong on the part of the government to discriminate between the soldiers and the officers, which would lead to resentment. Besides, the amount that is given to them will be taxed and they would get just Rs 1,900, he said.

Though the government has justified this move claiming that it is to curb corruption, he said that the corruption cannot be removed through such half-hearted measures.

No value to human life?: The BJP Government claims that it has great love for the animals, but does it not care for human lives? More than 60 children have lost their lives due to lack of oxygen cylinders in a Government Hospital in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh and that too in the Chief Minister's own constituency. Hence, the BJP should declare what its priorities are, he demanded.

Gujarat humiliation in State too: In spite of making all efforts in the Rajya Sabha elections in Gujarat to bag all the three seats, the BJP failed. Now, BJP National President Amit Shah has arrived in the State for a three-day visit to strategise for the forthcoming elections in the State. His machinations will not work here. Congress will retain power and Siddharamaiah will continue as the Chief Minister. BJP will be humiliated here again, predicted Kalappa.

Reacting to the rumours that elections will be held ahead of the completion of tenure of this government, Brijesh Kalappa made it clear that the elections will not be advanced in the State. They had already learnt their lessons from the experience of S.M. Krishna's government during whose rule the elections had been advanced and he had to suffer defeat.

KPCC Secretary Mehroz Khan, leaders K.K. Manjunath Kumar, Kanehitlu Monnappa, Shapi Kottamudi and others were present.

Traffic cop pushed down by bike rider

Cop tried to stop the riders for haphazard riding

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (SBD&KS)- Close to the heels of Siddarthanagar Traffic ASI's uniform being torn by a rider at Maharana Pratap Singhji Circle near Race Course on Aug. 8 during checking for traffic violations, an incident of a cop being pushed down by a rider who tried to stop them for haphazard riding has been reported near Sanskrit Patashala in city yesterday.

The Police have arrested one of them for obstructing a government servant from discharging his duty.

The arrested has been identified as Naveen and the cops have launched a hunt to nab the other who managed to escape. The Traffic cop who was pushed down by the rider has been identified as G.K. Nagesh, attached to K.R. Traffic Police Station.

Nagesh, who was on his regular beat on a Cobra bike at about 5 pm, saw a rider along with a pillion riding the bike in a haphazard manner near Sanskrit Patashala and tried to stop them for questioning.

When Nagesh went near the bike to ask them to stop, the rider and the pillion pushed Nagesh down and tried to flee from the spot. But Nagesh, who got up and chased the bike, managed to catch hold of one of them. The rider and the pillion were under the influence of alcohol, said the Police. A case has been registered at K.R. Police station in this regard.

National Consumer Fair expo extended till Aug. 15

Mysuru, Aug. 13- The National Consumer Fair Exhibition, which is being held at the Dasara Exhibition Ground in Ittegegud here, has been extended till Aug. 15.

The expo which has a 90 ft. tall replica of the Eiffel Tower, Robotic Animal Kingdom, Selfie Gallery, over 25 amusement rides and over 100 handlooms, footwear, garments, food products and consumer appliances stalls among other stalls is open for the public from 4 pm to 9 pm.

School auto and van drivers groomed on road safety

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (US&SP)- The City Police had organised a workshop on Road safety for drivers of autorickshaws, vans and buses used for ferrying students to schools at Platinum Jubilee Hall at J.K. Grounds here this morning.

Conducting the workshop Traffic ACP K.N. Madaiah suggested auto and van drivers to use only RTO approved LPG kits for greater safety.

He pointed out that drivers usually tend to flout traffic rules on Ring Road and hence advised drivers to follow lane discipline. He further asked them not to jump signals.

Madaiah said that modern traffic signal lights with sensors to assess traffic density would be introduced soon which would ease the traffic flow with better regulation.

About 200 vehicle drivers participated in the workshop. They alleged that many KSRTC buses were flouting road safety norms resulting in accidents.

Replying to that Madaiah said that law was common to all. Citing an example he said that a KSRTC bus plying from Chamarajanagar was found jumping a traffic signal and the driver was booked for offence. He assured that the driving licence would be scrapped depending on the gravity of offence.

Inspectors and staff of all traffic Police Stations were present.

Girl dies of suspected dengue

Periyapatna, Aug. 13 (Rajesh)- In yet another dengue death reported from across the district in recent days, a 7-year-old girl form a Periyapatna village died of suspected dengue on Saturday. The deceased girl has been identified as Krupa, daughter of Mamatha and Lohith couple of Doddahonnur village in the taluk.

Krupa was a 2nd standard student of a school in Mysuru city.

Krupa who suffered from fever, was admitted to a hospital in Mysuru five days ago, where she breathed her last after failing to respond to the treatment.

SUCI opposes abolition of subsidy on LPG

Mysuru, Aug. 13 (US&PM)- Over 50 members of Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) District Committee staged a protest at Agrahara Circle here yesterday condemning the proposal of the Union Government to scrap subsidy on domestic LPG.

They expressed apprehension that kerosene too may come under the policy.

Committee Secretary B. Ravi and others were present.

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Many State properties lying in a state of neglect

Mysuru, Aug. 13 - At a recent meeting of the district administration, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep directed his officers to identify vacant spaces to construct community centres. Though new Bhavans to cater to different class of people and area may be a necessity, authorities must also evince interest in creating a database of all its properties and also maintain all buildings under its control.

Many of these community centres constructed in city are in a state of neglect in the Central Business District and extensions. Drawing the administration's attention to such structures, social activist environmentalist **Vasanthkumar Mysoremath** has opined that the administration must take steps to maintain the existing community halls and government structures. He has cited many examples of community halls and buildings being neglected.

Visvesvaraya Bhavan, K.R. Circle

The above photo is that of Cellar Floor of Visvesvaraya Bhavan in K.R. Circle, a Central Business District of Mysuru. The structure belongs to Mysore City Corporation. It is filled with filthy water, emanates smell of urine and defecation and one can see garbage dumped and various other solid waste rotting here.

Water level increases when it rains and staircase is full of a million spits, floor and steps are damaged and poses a health hazard. It is totally neglected in its upkeep and maintenance and as we have observed, only during Dasara the exteriors are given a coat of paint.

There are scores of tenants including banks, cloth and other showrooms, newspaper offices, chartered accountants, advocates, private clubs, government offices, electronic goods, fast food hotels etc. It is a common scene to see thousands of people climbing this and other buildings in K.R. Circle to watch the annual Dasara procession. Visvesvaraya Bhavan is waiting for a tragedy to happen if not attended to immediately.

Visvesvaraya Bhavan K.R. Circle.

Community Hall, Jamboo Savari Marga, Tilak Nagar

This is a file photo taken on 16th May 2010 and even now also, it looks exactly the same. This skeleton structure was a planned Community Hall, sometime in 2003, to help middle/ lower middle class residents of Tilak Nagar and Mandi Mohalla areas for holding community functions like marriages, awareness programmes and public functions etc. for the people of the oldest city centre areas - Tilak Nagar/ Mandi Mohalla/ Gaanigara Keri and other surrounding areas.

Community Hall, Jamboo Savari Marga, Tilak Nagar.

The foundation/pillars/ entire structure built roughly in an area of 80'X120' appears to have become dangerously weak due to water logging, bad maintenance and misuse. Even today it remains totally neglected and gets water-logged during rains. It is an ideal mosquito breeding spot and dumping ground for waste and also famous for after-dark anti-social activities. Lakhs of rupees have been wasted on this unfinished agenda of MCC.

Centenary Hall on New Sayyaji Rao Road, Tilak Nagar

• **Department:** Physically Disabled and Senior Citizens Welfare Department

• **Place:** Deaf and Dumb School premises (about 5 acres), New Sayyaji Rao Road - Raja Marga

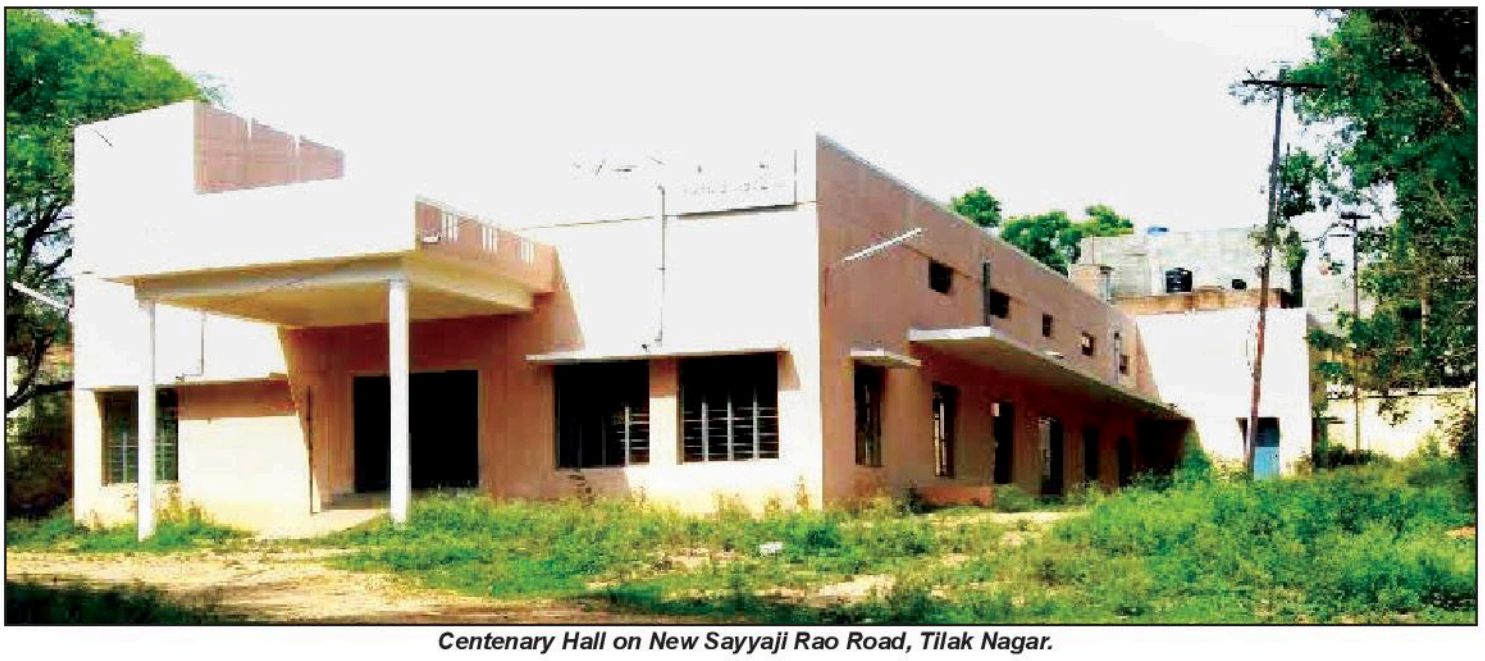
• **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 50+ lakh

• **Time taken:** More than 9 years for construction

• Building completed in 2013, but lying idle

In order to commemorate 100 years of service by the Deaf and Dumb School, the above centenary hall was planned and constructed. With cost escalation and time over-runs and interest on investment, it must have cost more than a few crores of rupees but this building is yet to serve the purpose for which it was planned.

Since the Hall is located in an area of more than five acres in the heart of the city with enough space for parking and other purposes, this spacious hall is eminently suitable for conducting training/seminars, workshops, etc. But for reasons that are not transparent and accountable, it has remained idle or is being used for purposes other than the purpose for which it was built.



Centenary Hall on New Sayyaji Rao Road, Tilak Nagar.

Vasanthkumar Mysoremath has stated that there are many such vacant government lands/ CA sites of MUDA and other unfinished buildings/vacant lands of MCC in city and surrounding extensions that are not being accounted for or have been encroached upon.

There is an urgent need for mapping the entire city, superimpose on old maps, arrive at a near perfect properties data - private and government - for creating a data bank and increasing collection of property tax on a realistic basis.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Mass Leader	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
E-One	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
Raj Vishnu	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Operation Alamelamma	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Jaani	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Toilet: Ek Prem Katha	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Dirty Dancer	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Jaya Janaki Nayaka	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
LIE	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Nene Raju Nene Mantri	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Mass Leader (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	4.40 pm, 7.15 pm
Operation Alamelamma (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
The Emoji Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 6.00 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 12.15 pm
Atomic Blonde (E)	(S-1)	7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
LIE (Te)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Chunkzz (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Jab Harry Met Sejal (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Jaani (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm
Nene Raju Nene Mantri (Te)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Jaya Janaki Nayaka (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (H)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 4.00 pm, 9 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
The Emoji Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Velai Illa Pattathari (VIP) 2 (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm; (S-4) 9.45 pm
LIE (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Chunkzz (Ma)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Mass Leader (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 7.05 pm
Nene Raju Nene Mantri (Te)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Jab Harry Met Sejal (H)	(S-4)	10.10 am, 6.55 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON MONDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Sanutigeete, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 7.45 Film Songs, 8.35 Navilugari, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devotional Songs, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 3.00 Vividha Bharati Programme, 4.00 Yakshagana, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.16 Rangageete, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs.

TV TONIGHT

4:00 pm India's Best Judwaah	6:00 pm Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	3:30 pm Kapil Sharma Show
5:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs 2017	7:00 Chandra Nandni	5:00 Kapil Sharma Show
8:00 India's Best Judwaah	8:00 Dance Plus	6:30 Kapil Sharma Show
9:00 Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li'l Champs	9:30 Aarambh	8:00 The Drama Company
10:30 Fear Files: Darr Ki Sacchi Tasvirein	10:30 Dance Plus	9:00 The Kapil Sharma Show
		10:00 C.I.D
		11:00 Crime Patrol - Satark
6:00 pm Discover India	7:00 pm Tamil Nadu Premier League 2017 H/ls	6:00 pm Science of Stupid
7:00 The Great Indian Factory	7:10 Tamil Nadu Premier Dindigul Dragons vs. Chepauk Super Gillies	6:30 Science of Stupid
7:30 Savage Family Diggers	10:30 KBD Juniors	7:00 Nat Geo Investigates
8:00 Wild Frank In India	11:00 Hero ISL Draft Special	8:00 Primal Survivor
9:00 Discovery Hits	11:30 Pro Kabaddi League 2017 H/ls	9:00 India's Mega Kitchens
10:00 Cooper's Treasure		10:00 India's Mega Kitchens
11:00 Destroyed in Seconds		10:30 Monkey Thieves
		11:00 Primal Survivor
4:00 pm Uncle Grandpa	3:30 pm **Movie: Naanum Rowdy Dhaan**	3:00 pm **Movie**
5:00 Steven Universe	6:30 **Movie: Kodi**	6:00 **Movie**
6:00 Mathura Sports League	7:00 News	9:00 Harate
8:00 Haddi Mera Buddy	7:30 **Movie: Kodi**	10:00 Nandini
11:00 Dragon Ball Z	10:00 Bhairavi	11:00 Harate
11:30 Teleshopping	11:00 Natchathira Kabaddi	

MOVIES TONIGHT

3:56 pm **Independence Day**	5:05 pm **Hangover Part III**	5:34 pm **Vacation**
7:02 **Ice Age: Collision Course**	6:52 **Mission: Impossible**	7:01 **Ocean's Eleven**
9:00 **Zootopia**	9:00 **The Accountant**	9:00 **Transformers**
	11:22 **Argo**	11:39 **The One**
1:00 pm **The Mummy**	5:57 pm **Chennai Express**	4:30 pm **Meri Biwi Ka Jawab Nahin**
6:00 **WWE Raw Sunday Dhamaal**	9:00 **Bengal Tiger**	7:30 **Teleshopping**
8:00 **PK**	11:58 **Operation Duryodhana**	8:30 **The Great Gambler**
4:25 pm **The Patriot**	4:00 pm **Shruthi Seridaga**	1:35 pm **Bajrangi Bhaijaan**
8:05 **Rambo: First Blood**	7:00 **Ramachari**	5:05 **Golimaar**
10:17 **Waterworld**	10:00 **Golmal Part II**	7:55 **Sholay**

EVENTS TODAY (AUG.13)

Artist couple Raghotham Putty and Lalitha R. Putty Memorial Programme: Painting and photography exhibition of Manasa Putty (granddaughter of the artist couple) and her husband M.C. Arun, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira, **up to 7.30 pm.**

CO-OPTEX (Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd.): Exhibition of Silk Kora Cotton and Cotton Sarees, Co-optex Showroom, Narayana Shastry Road, **up to 8 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Shopping Festival-2017, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP): Monthly public meeting on Police issues, Additional Superintendent of Police N. Rudramuni interacts with the public, MGP office, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation: Inauguration of 'Sahajaranga-2017' (Theatre camp for college students), theatre director Nataraj Honnavalli, Karnataka Nataka Academy Member Ganesh Ameenagada, UoM's Centre for Gandhian Studies Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa and Prasad Kundur of Niranthara will be present, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: K.V. Manohar Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. Pattabhiram Pandith, accompanied by Vid. V.V.S. Murari on Violin, Vid. H.S. Sudheendra on Mridanga, Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt: 38th Chaturmasya Vratam of Sri Bhandarakeri Mutt Pontiff Sri Vidyesha Teertha Swamiji, 'Harinama Sankeerthana' by Bhajana Mandali, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Discourse, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Vishwamanava Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha: Inauguration of the new building and felicitation to senior members, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji graces the occasion, Sangha President K.S. Krishna presides, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, J.P. Nagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Nityasthanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru branch: Shravana month, Mass prayers, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Gubbi Mallannaarya's Veerashaivamrutha Purana' by Dr. B.V. Vasanthakumar, Vaachana by Dr. K. Ramachandra, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Bharati Yogadhama of Sri Sadvidya Pratishtana, Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha and Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions: Discourse on 'Bhagavatha Katha' by senior scholar Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru city unit: Shravana Sharana Sanje, residence of Neelamma Puttamadappa, #31/1, Gowrishankaranagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Ahalye,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Samudaya: In commemoration of Russian Revolution, staging of the play Brecht's 'Thayi,' Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 14)

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Janani Trust: Programme titled 'Simhavalokana' of National Flag, freedom fighter Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy, Bishop of Mysore Dr. K.A. William, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, Manjula T.V. Srinivas (wife of freedom fighter TVS), social worker D.T. Prakash and DC D. Randeep will be present, Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikkagadiyara), **11 am.**

Vishwakavi Kubempu First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram: Welcoming first year BA students, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Shashidhara Prasad presides, Sri Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Jayalakshmipuram, **11 am.**

District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Zilla Sri Krishna Jayantyotsava Samiti: Krishna Janmashtami-2017, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA Vasu presides, Kalamandira, **11 am.**

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